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SAFETY DRIVE WORK PROMOTED

Intensive Effort Being Exerted By Junior Women's Club

During the past week members of the Junior Women's Club have been active in contacting representatives of various civic and fraternal organizations of the town of Manassas in order to acquaint the members of these organizations with the Safety Campaign sponsored by the club, which is now under way, and to promote traffic safety education.

Under the direction of Mrs. Sadrisk Saunders, Chairman of the Public Relations Committee, members of the club have contacted representatives of the American Legion, Masons, Eastern Star, Women's Club, Fire Department, Ministerial Association, Young Democratic Club, and Parent-Teachers Association, have spoken before some of these organizations, and within the next few days expect to contact others to enlist their assistance in carrying out the safety program.

In an effort to educate the young people of the community along the lines of traffic safety, the high schools of the county at Nokesville, Haymarket, Occoquan, and Manassas are willingly cooperating with the club. A slogan contest, an essay contest and a poster contest on traffic safety will be conducted with prizes for the three winners in each school. Speakers from the Department of Safety and Education of the American Automobile Association and from the office of the Traffic Safety Engineer, Division of Motor Vehicles, at Richmond, will address the students of the high schools and present motion pictures on the subject of traffic safety.

Safety talks will also be given at the Regional High School. Slogan and essay contests will be conducted in the government classes and members of the art class will compete in the poster contest.

Winning essays from each of the schools will be published in the Manassas Journal and winning posters will be displayed during Safety Week.

Mr. Franklin Hibbs, manager of the Pitts Theater, has offered to exhibit movie shorts on traffic safety at the local theater at each performance during Safety Week, April 1 through April 6. These films have been secured by the Junior Women's Club from the Safety Engineer, State Police and Safety Division of Motor Vehicles, and from the American Automobile Association.

The program committees of the Kiwanis Club and the Young Democratic Club have requested that speakers on the subject of traffic safety be secured for their meetings during the week of April first.

These requests from prominent organizations indicate the interest that is already being manifested by the public in the Safety Campaign. As a result of such coordinated interest and support, the Safety Campaign now being promoted by the Junior Women's Club may be the initial step toward setting up a permanent safety council and making our community a safer place in which to live. You, the readers of this newspaper, can do your part toward benefiting yourself and your community by assisting in carrying out this program.

BUSHONGS CELEBRATE 25th ANNIVERSARY

On the twenty-fifth of this month Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Bushong will celebrate the 25th anniversary of the establishment in Manassas of their well known grocery, and elsewhere in this issue they are making a personal announcement to their many friends.

Both Mr. and Mrs. Bushong are native Virginians, Mr. Bushong coming to Manassas from Woodstock at the age of two years. Mrs. Bushong is a native of Middletown, Frederick County, Virginia.

Their business was purchased March 25th, 1915, from C. E. Fisher and Son and was first located on the corner of Center and East Street. Many years later they moved to the Saunders' Building on the corner of Center and Main Street and in 1932 they purchased and remodeled the building which they now occupy on Main Street.

Both Mr. and Mrs. Bushong are active in the social and fraternal life of Manassas and their continued business success is the occasion of gratification among a wide circle of friends.

UNION GOOD FRIDAY SERVICE

The annual union good Friday service sponsored by the ministerial association, will be held March 22, in the Presbyterian Church.

The service lasts one hour, from 2:00 to 3:00 P. M.

Rev. Graham will preach the sermon. As usual, business places will be asked to close during the hour.

PLAN DRIVE FOR CLUB MEMBERSHIP

Young Democrats Discuss Hatch Bill Amendments

At the March meeting of the Club, held Thursday night, March 7, in the Court House, plans for membership drive for 1940 were made. It was decided that campaign should extend from March 1 to May 15 and all members desirous of entering the contest must notify the Secretary, Miss Walsler Conner, Manassas, by the twentieth. There are three cash prizes to be awarded the three contestants securing the largest number of members—both new and renewal. It was also planned that a meeting be held in each section of the County during this drive in order to stimulate interest throughout the county. The first of these will be held at Haymarket.

Bill Sweeney gave a very good report on the investigation made by the 8th District Committee to investigate the working of the Hatch Bill. This committee met with Senator Hatch and he said that he would be glad to cooperate with them to help with an amendment to his bill which will allow more freedom to Government workers in this section. So far, no amendment which will meet with his approval has been drafted. Bill also explained that Government workers may join any political organization and participate in its activities as members, but they are not allowed to hold office or go as delegates to conventions. Government pamphlets explaining this bill are being secured for campaign contestants in order that Government workers may see for themselves what they are allowed to do and what not to do.

The club voted to make a donation toward the chapel fund being raised to cover construction of a chapel at the State Industrial Farm for Women. It was also decided that the next program shall include something pertaining to the Safety Campaign being sponsored by the Junior Women's Club.

IN MEMORIAM

Manassas Chapter United Daughters of the Confederacy suffered a severe loss in the death of Mrs. J. B. T. Thornton. She was a charter member and had served as Chapter President, rendering valued services not only to the organization, but to the community.

Mrs. Thornton was a woman of rare grace and wisdom, the appreciation of which resulted in the appointment of her by Congressman Sol Bloom of New York, and Mrs. B. A. Blenner, of Richmond, as full chairman for the erection of the marker at Woodbridge, designating the Jefferson Davis Memorial Highway.

Mrs. Thornton further served the County as chairman of the services attendant upon the unveiling of the marker on the site of the second Court House of Prince William at Cedar Run, and was never failing in her support of religious and educational work.

"Love Makes Memory Eternal."
Mrs. R. A. Hutchison,
Mrs. R. S. Hynson,
Mrs. E. H. Marsteller,
Committee

P.T. A. MEETINGS

NEXT WEEK

The Executive Board of the Manassas Parent-Teacher Association will meet in Mr. Peters' Office on Tuesday, March 19th, at 8:00. A full attendance of officers is urged.

The regular meeting will be held at Bennett School on Thursday, March 21st, at 8:00 P. M. All patrons are urged to be present.

BAPTIST MISSIONARY SOCIETY TO MEET

The Missionary Society of the Baptist Church will meet with Mrs. Ira Cannon on Tuesday, March 19th, at 2:30 P. M. Mrs. Graham will have charge of the program.

LEGISLATIVE ACCOMPLISHMENTS OF MR. CONNER

This newspaper points with pride to the legislative accomplishments of Hon. E. R. Conner, of Manassas, who has represented Prince William and Stafford Counties in the House of Delegates with a skill and energy rarely attained by one serving his first term in the General Assembly. To an observer with privilege of the floor he appeared as a veteran Delegate, sought on all occasions and most helpful in every sort of parliamentary maneuver. Enjoying fullest confidence of all groups of whatever factions may be said to have existed in this Assembly, Mr. Conner legislated effectively in the interest of the Commonwealth as a whole, and in particular for the benefit of his own counties of Prince William and Stafford.

One of Mr. Conner's first accomplishments was the successful sponsorship of a Joint Resolution asking the Federal Government to place a C. C. C. Camp on the Manassas Battlefield to prepare for the unveiling of the Stonewall Jackson Monument.

His next concern was in the special interest of Stafford County in securing passage of House Bill 457 requiring the Commissioners of Revenue to issue permits to persons repairing or building structures costing \$500 or more, for which no fee is charged. The bill was sought by the Supervisors of Stafford, but Mr. Conner secured its enactment as a State law applicable to all counties.

Stafford County was again the beneficiary in the enactment of H. B. No. 381, sponsored by Delegates Harris Conner, Basile and Campbell, which made the City of Fredericksburg a separate judicial circuit, thus relieving pressure for time to hold court in the surrounding counties heretofore included with the city, Stafford being one of them.

The Town of Manassas secured through the efforts of Mr. Conner and Senator Medley, a bill recommended by our Town Manager giving the Chief of the town fire department the same police powers enjoyed in Arlington and Fairfax, in order that they may properly control traffic during fires.

And the Confederate Dead were also one of his concerns as he noted a bill sponsored by Senator Tuck re-

ceiving favorable consideration without provision for the care of some Confederate graves in nearby Fairfax County. Upon his amendment the provision was added.

In the important economic matter of increasing the productivity and value of our ever increasing acreage of cut-over timber lands, Mr. Conner joined Senator H. H. Walton, who has joint interest with him in Stafford, in sponsoring legislation to authorize a Commission study of the Forestry problem. After many difficulties and in the last moments before adjournment the measure was passed as Joint Resolution No. 53.

In addition to sponsoring these bills, Mr. Conner was an effective force in the passage of many bills of State-wide interest, and he also urged some legislation which was lost through no failure on his part to push for enactment. One of these bills was one which would have added around a half million dollars of state revenue. The bill was apparently popular with rural folks, but not desired by the representatives of big cities like Richmond who fought the measure bitterly and finally killed it. This bill, among whom Mr. Conner was a forceful sponsor, would have exacted a suitable tax from "contract trucks and busses" which use our roads to their great damage, but pay nothing for their upkeep. Small trucks and farmers vehicles were exempted. It was only by the narrowest margin that this valuable bill was defeated, and had there been but a little more time available it would certainly have been passed as Mr. Conner was rapidly gaining support for it when the end came.

And last, but not least, was the personality of Mr. Conner. Popular and sociable on all occasions, his presence at banquets and other unofficial events was greatly in demand, and the speeches which he made on the floor of the House were accorded much consideration. His address on the Bangs Disease situation was especially applauded, as well as what he had to say in favor of other suitable measures including strong championship of the teachers retirement bill which was lost.

NOTED CLUB WORKER AND POETESS VISITS LOCAL CLUB

The Manassas Women's Club was taken by storm on Monday afternoon in the form of Mrs. Lester Parsons, guest speaker of Norfolk, Virginia. She was sponsored by the Music-Literature Section and is state chairman of Literature for the Virginia Federation of Women's Clubs.

Mrs. Parsons began by giving some definitions of women's clubs and continued on through a list of objectives especially adapted to the needs for program material of the division of literature.

In the second part of her talk, Mrs. Parsons discussed "The Influence of Short Parallel Lines." She read most expressively short poems, a good part of them dealing with children. Her impersonations of children were exceedingly clever, original and very entertaining.

James Whitcomb Riley's poems about children and for children provided most of her material.

Mrs. Parsons discussed briefly the very modern poetry of which she said, some was very dense, at least to her, but that some of it was very clever.

Her original poems, "My Son," "Old Farmer's Dream" and "The Plowing" showed a great deal of writing skill.

In conclusion, Mrs. Parsons recited Riley's "Almost Beyond Endurance" taking the part of a very small boy in a great deal of pain and to those listening it truly was almost beyond their endurance to keep the tears of laughter back!

The hostesses for the meeting were Mrs. J. P. Lyon, Mrs. A. A. Maloney, Mrs. E. H. Marsteller, Mrs. Dudley Martin, Mrs. Harold McCall and Miss Sabina Neale.

MRS. PETERS ENTERTAINS

Mrs. Worth Peters gave a very attractively appointed luncheon on Tuesday in honor of Mrs. Lester Parsons, a house guest of Mrs. C. Wade-Dalton. The guests were Mrs. Parsons, Mrs. Dalton, Mrs. W. L. Lloyd, Mrs. Lewis Carper, Mrs. E. D. Wisler and Mrs. Dennis Baker.

NOTICE TO FARMERS

J. Gray Beverley, Field Supervisor, will be at the office of Mr. Frank Cox, County Agent, Manassas, Virginia, Wednesday morning, March 20th., from 9:00, A. M., until Noon, for the purpose of taking applications for 1940 Crop Loans under the Emergency Crop Loan Act.

Farmers desiring these loans should apply on that date.

YOUNG FARMERS PARENTS' HOSTS

Pleasant Evening Enjoyed At Nokesville F. F. A. Banquet

The members of the Nokesville Association, Future Farmers of America, were host to their parents and especially invited guests at a very enjoyable banquet March 6, at the Nokesville High School.

The tables and auditorium were attractively decorated in blue and gold, the colors of the F. F. A. organization. Blue and gold streamers formed a colorful background for the officers' stations.

The group enjoyed a very delightful dinner prepared and served by the Home Economics Department of the school, which was preceded by the Invocation given by Richard King, a freshman in agriculture.

Immediately following the dinner the meeting was opened with the regular F. F. A. ritual, Freddie Harpine, the Chapter President, presiding. He promptly turned the meeting over to the Chapter Secretary, Miller Whetsel, who acted as toastmaster. In the roll call of the Chapter members, guest introduced his parents and guest, Cleveland Flory, vice president of the Prince William County Junior Farmers' Club introduced members of his club and they in turn presented their guests. Other guests were introduced by the toastmaster.

The address of welcome was delivered by Jack Sullivan, Archie Gunn gave a brief summary of the Chapter's work for the past year and Raymond Forester gave an explanation of the Program Planning used by students of Vocational Agriculture and the principles involved in formulating this program. The Chapter's quartette composed of Miller Whetsel, Frederick Harpine, George Herring, and Gerald Herring sang "Hail F. R. A." and "Kindling Wood" with Miss Catherine Bittle as pianist.

Rev. Newman, Pastor of the Nokesville Methodist Church, made several interesting remarks after which Mr. Bittle, Principal of the High School, introduced Rev. Graham, Pastor of the Manassas Baptist Church, the guest speaker of the evening.

Rev. Graham emphasized farming as a vocation and the need for scientific farming. He stressed the point that farmers must set up the cultural standard by which they are to be judged. As examples he cited such outstanding historical characters as George Washington, Thomas Jefferson, and William Byrd who were successful farmers.

An address of appreciation by the Chapter's President concluded the program.

EPISCOPAL FLOWER MART IN WASHINGTON

One of the most picturesque events of the Spring will be the Flower Mart to be held May Day on the Pilgrim Steps of Washington Cathedral by all Hallow's Guild from noon to 6:00 o'clock. Provision will be made to house the mart in a building on the grounds in the case of rain.

Plants, shrubs, flowers and vegetables as well as garden gadgets and baskets and home made preserves will be sold to raise money for the retaining wall flanking the Cathedral driveway. This has already been started by the Guild from proceeds of earlier projects. Many garden clubs in the surrounding counties will have booths this year and a number of interesting features are being arranged for the afternoon.

The first of these marts was held last year at the same place by the Guild, with marked success.

HIGH SCHOOL FUN NIGHT

The sophomore class of Osbourn High School will have a "fun night" in the auditorium on Friday night, March 15th. There will be a stage show with several different acts and games of all kinds. Refreshments will be sold.

Attend the P-T. A. Dance of Haymarket Friday nite.

SMITH REPORT STIRS NATION

Fairness Of Investigation Generally Recognized

The Howard Smith Special Committee Investigating the National Labor Relations Board has reported to Congress. Unable to secure cooperation of its Labor Members, and after conference between Judge Smith and President Roosevelt, the majority report was released to an appreciative nation.

Revealing the un-American set-up of the Labor Board, with its unquestioned powers as jury, judge and executioner, the recommendations for reform were made with a judicial restraint and conservatism which impressed all but radical labor groups, such as the C. I. O. and Communist Organizations, with the logical nature and impartiality of the revisions recommended.

Seventeen amendments to the Wagner Act were recommended, which include abolition of the present Labor Board, establishment of a new office of Administrator to take over the prosecuting activities; ending of the Board's authority in jurisdictional disputes between the A. F. of L. and the C. I. O.; and the recognition of the right now denied of employers expressing their views to employees on labor questions.

As Representative Howard Smith takes his place as one of the outstanding legislators of the nation, labor factions have gone into a huddle to plan a campaign to discredit his investigation, and to stem the tide of indignation which is rapidly rising throughout the country as a result of the exposure of unfair practices.

The Smith Report must now go to the one-sided Labor Committee, before reaching the floor of Congress for consideration, and it is likely that it will be killed there. It is estimated that the required vote will be secured by a coalition of Conservative Democrats and Republicans to force the vote-out of this Committee and begin debate upon the actual merits of the Smith recommendations, a procedure greatly favored by the C. I. O. and other Communist minded labor groups.

HEALTH OFFICERS GUEST SPEAKER AT KIWANIS

Dr. Jackson, head of the county health department, was guest speaker at the Kiwanis Club on Friday evening, last. He was introduced to the club by Rev. R. M. Graham, chairman of the program committee.

The club welcomed Col. Hutchison who had just returned from Florida and also got up a series of individual greetings to be sent on to Al. Hooff, then en route to Florida.

Secretary Harris noted the receipt of a check from Judge Brown for \$250.00 as the club's share of the proceeds of the Birthday Ball held in January.

Dr. Jackson gave a very interesting chat, going back into primitive history and tracing down to the present day some of the general rules and laws of sanitation, quarantine, etc.

It was announced that a date in April had been selected for the semi-annual ladies' night.

FEDERAL EMPLOYEES MUST FILE TAX RETURN

The new law requiring Federal employees to file State Income Tax Return applies to many citizens of this County and they are urged to get in touch with the County Commissioner of Revenue at their earliest opportunity.

MISS METZ REAPPOINTED

The friends of Miss Lula Metz, an instructor in Osbourn High School, are delighted to know that the recent legislature has continued her as a member of the Board of Visitors of the College of William and Mary. This is a real scholastic honor for the town. Miss Metz has served on the board under five governors, having taken over the unexpired term of Dr. Kate Waller Barrett.

BETHLEHEM CLUB TO MEET WEDNESDAY

Bethlehem Goodhousekeeping Club will meet with Mrs. C. B. Compton on Wednesday afternoon, March 20th, at 2:30. Mrs. Maude Kinchock will be assistant hostess.